



## 2015 Competitive AmeriCorps State Technical Assistance FAQ

This FAQ contains information pertaining to the 2015 Montana AmeriCorps Competitive Notice. AmeriCorps State Grants are funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Montana Governor's Office of Community Service (OCS).

Technical assistance will be available to applicants from October 16 to November 25, 2014. Questions should be submitted via email to [serve@mt.gov](mailto:serve@mt.gov). All questions and answers will be posted publicly in the FAQ document on the ServeMontana website at <http://serve.mt.gov/funding/>. Questions will be dated with the most recent added to the top. It is highly recommended that applicants read through all materials including the FAQ, application instructions, performance measure instructions, and full Notice of Funding.

### **October 27, 2014**

**Q:** Can Serve Montana provide guidance on an appropriate number of support letters. Should we seek support letters from 2-5 of our leading partners, from a dozen diverse partners, or is CNCS encouraging a diverse portfolio of letters demonstrating broad community support?

**A:** It is entirely up to your program how to approach letters of support. The letters are a required part of the application, but are not part of scoring and will not be submitted to CNCS. If there are some partners that you feature prominently in your narrative, as critical to the success of the program, we recommend that you include letters of support from them.

### **October 22, 2014**

**Q:** Is it correct that no letter of intent is required from applicants?

**A:** Correct, applicants are no requirement to submit a letter of intent to this notice. Once applications are received, OCS will submit a letter of intent to CNCS on behalf of all applicants.

### **October 20, 2014**

**Q:** When will the application be available in eGrants?

**A:** CNCS has advised state commissions that the application will be made available on or before October 24<sup>th</sup>.